THE WAGON WHEEL INN, PETERSBURG, ILL.

MILLER AND KELSO CABIN

Joshua Miller, village blacksmith and wagonmaker, and Jack H. Kelso, fisherman, hunter and philosopher, erected a double house in 1832. They married sisters. Although both were industrious, their efforts were directed along different lines. Miller was engaged in shoeing horses, ironing wagons and forging other ironwork, while Kelso was busy fishing, trapping and reading. Lincoln was attracted to Kelso and through him first became acquainted with the classics of literature.

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